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## Outage leads to chilly Christmas

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

While ambient twinkling Christmas lights may seem a quintessential part of the holiday, strong winds left many Haliburton County residents without electricity during the most wonderful time of the year.

At its peak, the outage left more than 2,000 local Hydro One customers without power. It began in the early morning hours of Christmas Day and, for some, lasted until Boxing Day.

"We were lucky we had Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve," said Barbara Moffatt, who lives on Museum Road in Haliburton.

The next morning, Moffatt's daughter had gone to take a shower.

"She comes in and says there's no water," Moffatt said.

Not just no water, but no power, period.

And the Moffatt family wasn't alone.

When Moffatt's husband Gary went to the Haliburton Fish Hatchery to do his volunteer duties, he discovered the lights were off in other parts of the county as well.

"Everybody was talking and they said it was out at Soyers Lake," Moffatt said. "It was like, for Pete's sake, it's Christmas! This can't be happening."

The family was invited to a dinner party at a friend's on Gelert Road, but had rented

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### Happy New Year

Mike Lane holds his cup up to toast the New Year at the annual Hyland Crest New Year's Eve Party on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Minden long-term care facility dining room. The event included close to 50 residents, family and friends, who were fed a variety of hot hors d'oeuvres. See more on page 10. /Darren Lum Staff



## Minden Hills man implicated in stock fraud

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

A man with property in Minden Hills township has been sanctioned by the British Columbia Securities Commission.

It was reported in *The Globe and Mail* Monday that the BCSC has banned Erwin Speckert from acting as a registrant or stock promoter or engaging in investment relations management or consulting for the next five years.

That ruling comes after Speckert hired a promoter named Colin McCabe to write newsletters on companies Guinness, Tuffnell Exploration Ltd. and Gunpowder

Gold Corp.

According to *The Globe*, McCabe took millions of dollars to create exaggerated stock reports that the BCSC said read like "tabloids one might expect to see at the grocery checkout."

McCabe was made to pay \$4.3 million in fines.

Speckert, who runs a firm called Everest Asset Management, also has a residence in Zurich, Switzerland.

A check with the land registry office confirmed that Speckert owns property in Minden Hills, in the former Anson township near Bob Lake.

## Man dies in Hwy 35 collision

An 81-year-old Coboconk man is dead after a car crash off Highway 35 in Minden Hills on Saturday morning.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, James Corbett was northbound on the highway around 8 a.m. Jan. 3 when he failed to negotiate a turn near Ravine Road, his vehicle entering the west ditch and rolling down an embankment.

The crash was attended by the OPP, the Minden Hills fire department and county paramedics. There were eight other collisions in the county between Friday and Sunday.

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# Man makes daylight theft attempt at Valu-Mart

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

As far as thefts go, it was a bizarre one. On the morning of Dec. 30, between 8 and 8:30 a.m., a man entered an unlocked room in Easton's Valu-Mart, attempting to break into a safe.

Police said the man entered the building by removing a pane of glass.

Unable to get into the safe, he took off with a number of other items, including a President's Choice jacket.

"It was an attempt to steal in broad daylight," said owner Lynda Easton.

A number of employees were already at work for the day at the time of the theft. After being observed by an employee, the

man left the building the same way he'd gotten in.

Police are looking for a man in his 20s, with a shaved head standing approximately 5'8 to 5'10. At the time of the theft, he was wearing plaid pyjama pants and a black jacket.

Easton said the President's Choice jacket the man stole reads "Food means the world to us," on the back.

There would have been nothing valuable in the safe for the thief anyway.

"We don't keep money on the premises," the store owner said, adding that cigarettes are securely locked away.

OPP are asking anyone with information call the Haliburton Highlands detachment at 705-286-1431.

# Barbecued turkey by candlelight during Christmas blackout

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a room a local motel so they could take showers and get cleaned up.

Returning home in the evening to check on the dogs, Moffatt said the electricity came back on some time after 9 p.m.

Minden Hills resident Bev Bourne had been at her daughter's house Christmas Eve and the family returned to Bourne's home on Elstone Trail for Christmas dinner the following day.

"As soon as I walked in, I said, 'Oh, this place is cold,'" Bourne told the paper. "We ended up doing the turkey on the barbecue and the potatoes on the barbecue."

Bourne, who also cooked broccoli on the top of her wood stove, didn't mind the old-fashioned atmosphere the outage brought to the family gathering.

"No electronics, no iPads," she said. "And we ate by candlelight. It was nice."

In Gelert, John Teljeur and his family would also have a candle-lit, barbecued turkey dinner.

Teljeur said the power went out about 4 a.m.

"First mission was to see if I could find some coffee," he said, explaining he drove into Minden hoping something would be open and was able to get his caffeine fix at a gas station.

The family opened gifts and carried on with Christmas merriment while Teljeur kept the fireplace stoked.

"I just kept feeding the fire throughout the day," he said, adding he'd taken water from the pool for use in the toilet.

It seemed the power wouldn't be coming on any time soon.

"We had this turkey sitting there,"

Teljeur said. "There are some traditions you want to keep going . . . although a barbecue is not my preferred method for cooking a turkey."

Not just the bird, but the trimmings too – vegetables, gravy and stuffing.

"It was like, this is ridiculous," Teljeur said.

When he ran out of propane, it meant another trip into Minden.

By the time dinner was done, the sun had made its exit.

"I'm cooking in the dark, with flashlights and candles," Teljeur said.

The family ate dinner by candlelight and then sat and enjoyed each others' company.

"I think we are very used to be distracted by stuff around us," he said. "It was kind of nice to just sit and talk."

Some time around 7 or 8 p.m., the family resolved to just call it a day and head to bed.

Teljeur said it seemed like not 10 minutes later, the power came back on.

He pulled the blankets up over his head and went to sleep.

According to Hydro One, its first report of problems within the area served by the Minden operating station came at approximately 6:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

At that time there were seven different incidents – instances of downed lines, etc. – and about 250 customers without power.

By 1 p.m., hydro crews were dealing with 25 incidents and there were some 1,095 customers without electricity.

At the peak about 5 p.m., there were 28 incidents reported and 2,037 customers within the zone without hydro.

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## Truck rolls over on slick road

Minden Hills firefighters and county paramedics extricate a man from his pickup truck after a single-vehicle rollover along County Road 21 just outside Minden on the morning of Jan. 2. The crash happened at approximately 10 a.m. Police said road conditions and speed were factors and that the man was not seriously injured. /Chad Ingram Staff



# Feds fund accessibility across county

Algonquin Highlands will receive \$32,500 to better equip office building

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The appearance of the Algonquin Highlands township office may soon change as the building is transformed into a more accessible location.

On Jan. 6 Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin announced the township would be receiving \$32,500 in federal funding to make the office building more user friendly inside and out.

“When I think of accessibility, it’s not that long ago that buildings just were not accessible,” said Devolin at the announcement. “Those with mobility issues just had to put up with it. Then the idea came along that public buildings ought to be accessible and we started seeing ramps and things like that ... now the standard is to make the main entrance that everybody uses accessible.”

As it stands currently, those who have a mobility issue and want to access the township office have to do so through a back entrance, which Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt pointed out is not very conducive to doing business with government.

“It is our responsibility to make the access more user friendly,” said Moffatt. “While there may be a challenge with changing this building, the time has come that we do it.”

The MP said making buildings accessible can be a costly endeavour and was announcing a total of \$154,782 to go towards local improvements.

The Algonquin Highlands project is one of four that is receiving funding in Haliburton County.

The county office in Minden is receiving \$50,000 to install a new lift; the municipality of Highlands East is receiving \$48,277 to install two lifts, build an accessible washroom and walkway at the Wilberforce Curling Club; and Community Living Haliburton County is receiving \$24,005 to build an exterior ramp, install automated door openers and renovate a washroom.

The area projects were selected through an application process.

The money is coming through the Enabling Accessibility Fund, created in 2007 and extended through the Economic Action Plan in 2013 to provide ongoing funding to improve accessibility in facilities across the country, according to Devolin.



**It’s not that long ago that buildings just were not accessible.**

— MP Barry Devolin



MP Barry Devolin, centre, announced \$32,500 in government funding for the township of Algonquin Highlands on Jan. 6. The federal funds are going towards accessibility projects throughout the riding. From left, Algonquin Highlands chief administrative officer Angie Bird, Councillor Brian Lynch, Devolin, Reeve Carol Moffatt and Algonquin Highlands Parks, recreation and trails manager Dave Drobitch.  
**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff



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## COTW/COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Jan 15**

9:00 am, COTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers. **NEW** public session at 9:00 am  
Council will consider proposed amendments to the Fees & Charges Bylaw for the Poker Lakes

**Jan 29**

9:00 am, Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers. **NEW** public session at 9:00 am

## WEEKLY IN JANUARY

**Tuesdays**

7:00 pm, Euchre Night, Lochlin Community Centre. Drop ins welcome

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**Wednesdays**

7:00 pm, Euchre Night, Irondale Community Centre. Drop ins welcome

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### NATURE'S PLACE

**The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology**

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### MUSEUM

**30 Years, 30 Artifacts**

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## Correction

In an article published in the Dec. 23 issue of the Minden Times titled "Less strife on Rail Trail," it was stated that ATVs are permitted on the trail until the end of October. In fact, ATVs are permitted on the Haliburton County Rail Trail until the end of November.





Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek is keeping an eye out. Cliff Lacey's glass eye, to be exact. The prosthesis, made circa 1920, is part of the 30 Years, 30 Artifacts exhibit now showing at the museum.  
Chad Ingram Staff

# Museum celebrates 30 years with exhibit

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

A silk map, a portable bathtub, a glass eyeball. These are just three of the 30 interesting items that comprise 30 Years, 30 Artifacts, an exhibit celebrating the Minden Hills Museum's three decades of existence. On the wall in the Sterling Bank building hangs a framed map of Minden township. Dating to 1861, the map is hand-drawn on a piece of silk and shows in detail the lots and concessions that comprise the municipality. "This would have been folded up . . . that someone carried with them," says curator Darren Levstek. The map shows deep creases from repeated folding. Circular marks on some of the lots Levstek believes probably indicated to the map's owner which were still available. "This is probably the oldest artifact we have that related directly to the history of Minden," Levstek says. He's unsure how the map made its way into the museum's collection. There are other items that would have been personal belongings of Minden residents past. One, a glass eye made around 1920, belonged to Cliff Lacey.

An account book belonged to blacksmith John Welch and shows interactions between the years of 1901 and 1906.

"A lot of our founding families are listed in here," Levstek says.

An open page shows familiar surnames such as Stinson and Bowron.

Some other artifacts include a 1930s foldable military bathtub, wooden ice skates, an 1885 edition of the *Minden Echo and Haliburton Recorder* and wooden water pipes from the Minden Cheese Factory, which was located in the area where Archie Stouffer Elementary School stands today.

The Sterling Bank building, which once stood on Minden's main drag, was donated to the Minden Historical Society and moved to its current location.

The members of the historical society formed the County Town Museum Volunteer Committee and on July 1, 1984, the museum opened to the public on a seasonal basis, its entire collection exhibited in the bank building.

Next to to museum at Nature's Place, Dead Zones: Understanding Lake Ecology, explores how oxygen depletion is affecting area lakes and other bodies, what leads to the phenomenon and what might be done about it.

Both exhibits run until March 20.



This hand-drawn silk map of Minden township dates to 1861 and would have been carried in the pocket of a settler.

## Truck stolen south of Minden

A blue pickup truck was stolen from a home on Hunter Creek Road south of Minden on Dec. 30, Haliburton Highlands OPP are reporting.

According to police, the blue 2012 Toyota Tundra, with licence plate MS7 725, was taken from an unlocked garage, along with a STIHL chainsaw.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-22-TIPS.

Online tips can be made at [www.khcs.ca](http://www.khcs.ca).

## Television stolen

The OPP are reporting a flat-screen television was stolen from a Twelve Mile Lake cottage after a break and enter.

Police responded to a complaint of a break-in at a seasonal residence on Taylor Road on Dec. 29 and found that thieves had broken in through a sliding glass door and taken a 42-inch Sony flat-screen TV.

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## Minden slides into 2015

Above, skaters are silhouetted as they pass by the arena windows during the Township of Minden Hills Family New Year's Fun event on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The annual event drew close to 60 people and included free skating (with coloured strobe lighting), horse-drawn carriage rides, tobogganing and roasting marshmallows by the fire all near or at the Minden arena.

Middle, skaters are bathed in a colourful arrangement of spotlights.

Bottom left, three-year-old Anwyn Vollmer and her mother Amandha glow by the fire and the street light while eating roasted marshmallows.

Bottom right, the horse-drawn carriage waits for people outside the arena.

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## 2015 wish list

**B**EARDED AND BELEAGUERED, 2014 has shuffled out of the building an old man to take his place in the mausoleum of millennia alongside his predecessors.

On our collective and proverbial knee, the bouncing bundle of potential that is 2015.

Here is a wish list of municipal items for the upcoming year.

### Transit project

The county should explore a transit pilot project with a bus route connecting at least the municipality's main communities. To the east, in Hastings, The Rural Overland Utility Transit (TROUT) provides such a service, so there is a successful, nearby system which could act as a model, or perhaps even be expanded to include the county. A transit service could help those without vehicles access work they may not be able to get to otherwise and would therefore be an economic driver for the community.

### Fire hall property purchase

Minden Hills should buy a chunk of the former Walker's Auto Repair property on Highway 35 from the County of Haliburton for the construction of a new fire hall outside the floodplain. Councillors will need to make this decision soon, as the county has indicated it's waiting on the township's decision in order to figure out what size of debenture it will require for its EMS base project. Minden Hills councillors have indicated they'll be having the discussion during budget talks and there is \$300,000 in the fire reserve that could be put toward

the purchase. The highway is a better location for the fire hall and the current fire hall property could then be used for another purpose.

### Minden Hills committees

It was talked about during the election campaign and since. Minden Hills councillors should reinstate citizens as the chairpeople of the township's advisory committees, as was the case before a poor decision by the governing majority of the previous council. Not only would this help to diversify the ideas making their way to the council table, it would help to reestablish a sense of trust and inclusion between citizens and their local government.



Chad Ingram  
Reporter

### Head Lake bridge

The county has a grant application in to help fund the rehabilitation of the bridge near the high school. It's been on the municipality's priority list for years. The county expects to hear back about its application next month. Fingers crossed.

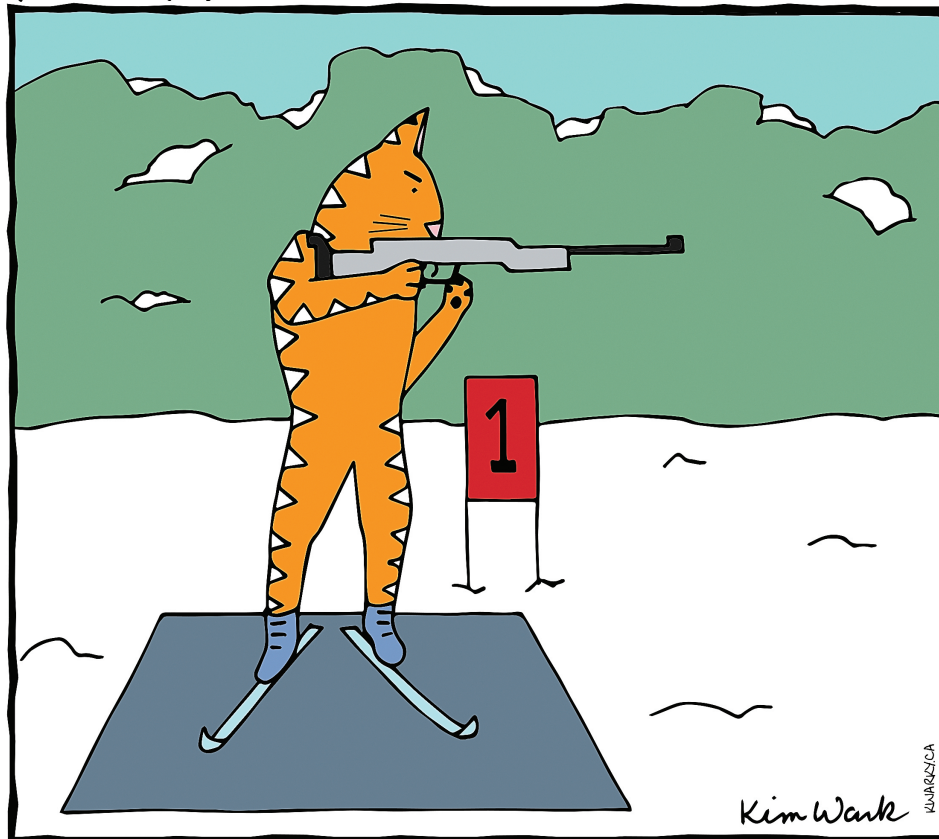
### Rest in Peace, Jiggs

The *Minden Times* lost one of its own just before Christmas with the passing of the Brown Dog Jiggs.

Tales of Jiggs's adventures and misadventures appeared in this paper for a decade and the canine himself even wrote the odd column when owner Neil Campbell couldn't be bothered.

Rest in peace, Jiggs.

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## Get ready for Groundhog Day

**A**S WE ALL KNOW, there are less than 30 shopping days left until Groundhog Day. I'm telling you this before someone else does because I'm trying to help you beat the rush. Also, I want to be remembered as the Father of the great Groundhog Day Tradition.

Groundhog Day is the only holiday left that we haven't really commercialized to the hilt.

Sure we have Groundhog Day sales and television spots letting us know what those shadowy creatures are up to. But, as yet, no one has really squeezed the last dollar out of anyone over this joyous holiday.

We are still relatively unexploited on Groundhog Day. Don't worry; I'm hoping to change all that. After all, there is a fortune to be made here.

Admittedly, it is one of the tougher holidays to commercialize. There's not a lot to work with – a captive groundhog, its burrow and possibly a shadow or two.

The good news is millions have been made with less. Remember the pet rock?

So how do we monetize this without destroying the actual tradition and spirit of the season?

Well, first we need to create a tradition and spirit.

Right now, most of us are only mildly interested in what is essentially a primitive weather forecast – and for good reason.

But what if I told you my vision of Groundhog Day, in which an overweight bearded man, dressed in green, gets pulled around the world in his magical sled by a team of Hoary marmots? That man would then somehow stop at every house to stick his head out of the Groundhog Day hole and, whether he sees his shadow or not, spring will come in six weeks give or take

a few.

Suddenly, you're interested right? OK, maybe not. But what if I told you that every family who celebrates Groundhog Day gets to transport a big mound of dirt into their living room and dig their own Groundhog Day hole in it? Still not interested?

All right. How about we all buy gifts for our loved ones and drop them in that hole? Oh, and we all stop being productive for a week before and after.

Now we're talking, right?

Finally.

The way I see it, prior to the new Groundhog Day, we could send Groundhog Day cards to those we know, invite them to celebrate Groundhog Day dinner with you, which consists of the traditional meal of turkey and stuffing as well as clover. Aside from the clover, it's essentially that same great meal we have on Christmas and

Thanksgiving. The difference is when you remove the stuffing from out of the turkey's cavity, everyone needs to note if there's a shadow or not.

This could also give songwriters and washed up musicians a new lease on life by writing Groundhog Day carols such as *God Bless Ye Merry Rodent's Den* or *What Pile is This?*, a haunting melody about the dirt scattered around a whistlepig's den.

Between the gifts, the cards, the carols and the meal, a new exciting holiday will be born. This will allow airlines more opportunity to provide delays – which apparently make them happy – and it will give retailers another reason to draw in desperate shoppers at the very last minute.

But most importantly, we'll all be able to relax again – just like we did at Christmas time.



Steve Galea  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## Images that haunt

IT IS AN IMAGE from many years ago, but it continues to haunt me. I walked with a guard down a corridor inside the medieval style Saskatchewan Penitentiary at Prince Albert. (I was a visitor, of course). Off to one side of the corridor was a small room containing a table and a hard-backed chair. In the chair was a lone Cree man puzzling over a book on the table.

I stopped and watched his face contort as he tried to sound the words in the book. It was a Dick and Jane first reader once popular in elementary schools.

I asked the guard why the man was in the room alone. "It's his education hour," he snorted.

I understand that things have changed at Saskatchewan Penitentiary. They now have Aboriginal Pathways, healing units that follow aboriginal traditions. That's a good thing because our society continues to send more and more native people to prison.

A hidden federal Justice Department report notes that the number of aboriginal women locked away in federal prisons grew an outrageous 97 per cent in the 10-year period 2002 to 2012. The number of aboriginal men locked up grew by only 34 per cent. Imagine, for men an increase of only more than one-third.

Aboriginal women make up more than one-third of the federal prison population. Twenty-two per cent of men in federal prisons are aboriginal. The numbers are higher for both women and men in provincial institutions. Aboriginal people are only four per cent of the Canadian population but make up more than one-quarter of our jail population.

One reason for the shameful increase is the Conservative government's tough on crime and criminals approach. It has brought in mandatory minimum sentences and more limited conditional releases. However, in trying to keep more real threats to society off the streets it has locked away more aboriginals, our society's most marginalized people.

Another reason is that the justice system is unfair to aboriginals. Aboriginals face systemic racism in the Ontario justice system, and no doubt in other provinces. They are shown disrespect by many police, receive mistreatment within jails and their complaints are received with discriminatory public reaction. They are not properly represented in the court system, especially our jury system.

That's not just me saying that. It's also Frank Iacobucci, the retired Supreme Court of Canada judge. He conducted an independent review of the lack of aboriginals participating in jury trials and inquests and released a damning report in February 2013.

The Ontario government reaction to the hard-hitting report was snarky. The attorney-general of the day, John Gerretsen, instead of expressing some shame on behalf of the people of Ontario said this: "That's his terminology. Obviously, that's the way he feels about it. I'm not sure whether it's a crisis or not."

Only a politician would be pompous enough to assume he is smarter than one of the country's top jurists.

Meanwhile, the line of aboriginals entering our prisons and jails continues to lengthen. Most get locked up for crimes committed because of alcohol abuse. Alcohol abuse that grows from Third World living conditions and the kind of despair truly understood only by the dispossessed.

The base reason for all aboriginal issues is that Canadians have never allowed native people to find their own place Canadian society. We tried to eliminate them. Then we segregated them and discriminated against them. We told them to find ways to become like us.

Little has changed in 150 years. Reports are done. Reports are shelved. Politicians yap and bluster, but conditions on most native communities remain the same, as do the general attitudes of Canadians.

Our politicians continue to scold and wag reproachful fingers over human rights abuses in other countries. If as a nation we will not or cannot resolve the critical issues affecting our aboriginal people, then we should at least stop the hypocritical practice of telling other nations to clean up their human rights abuses.

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**Jim Poling Sr.**  
From Shaman's Rock

## Celebrating the life of Jeff Pinney

To the Editor,

Thanks for the article about Jeff Pinney. It's still hard to believe we will never see him rolling through Minden in his powerchair.

We want to inform your readers that there will be a celebration of Jeff at the Dominion Hotel at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. There will be an opportunity to express thoughts and memories, play some of the music that he enjoyed and look at some of his paintings and some photos of his life.

In regards to music, Jeff was partial to the music of John Prine, Ry Cooder, Tom Waits and the old blues masters. Certainly, a version of Prine's Illegal Smile

would be appropriate.

There are many of Jeff's paintings, sculptures and carvings out in the community. We would welcome an opportunity to see them or photos at the celebration. We are hoping to add to the images that will be sent to his sister.

If you would like to do a song or two or have some art to share please call Carolyn or Eric at 705-754-9873.

**Eric Lilius**

## Highway maintenance deplorable

The following letter was sent to MPP Laurie Scott.

Dear Ms. Scott,

My wife and I returned to Haliburton from Toronto yesterday afternoon (Sunday, Jan. 4) by car. Part of the route included Highway 35 between Coboc and the County Road 21 turn to Haliburton Village. Highway 35 was in deplorable condition (and it appeared beyond); two ruts on either side of the highway in significant snow accumulation. The road had clearly not seen any maintenance for some time. It was not snowing and I understand that the last snowfall had occurred overnight. We were on the road between 2 and 3:30 p.m. It was dangerous and greasy and the traffic was moving at 40 to 50 kms/hour under otherwise very manageable circumstances (good visibility, no precipitation).

I stopped at the MTO (Carillion?) yard south of Minden to express my concern and was told that "the" truck (one truck.....really?!) was "broken down" and "didn't I know what it was like to have my car break

down?". I tried to explain to the four or five men standing around that my car was not responsible for keeping a major artery open and safe. I was told to "call head office and tell them." Unfortunately, I have not been able to find an email address for this company or they would be copied here. Someone obviously missed the memo about quickly replacing a defective plow/sander/salter with one that works as we would do with an Ambulance or Fire Truck that were out of commission. These guys couldn't have cared less!

Would you be kind enough to bring this to the attention of the Minister and the Ministry of Transportation at your earliest convenience and have them address this very serious matter with the company. I am copying this note to the Reeves of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, as the highway runs through their jurisdictions, for their review and records.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

**Sean Pennylegion**  
Haliburton

## Thank you and blessings

To the Editor,

Joti and I are parents of our daughter Meena and grandson Bharat Bhaga who were so dramatically saved from drowning/dying on Gelert Road two weeks ago. There were many wonderful persons at the site of rescue. The fire brigade, emergency services manned by paramedics and a kindly young police officer. My dear friend and old colleague Dr. Helt and our favourite team of nurses at the Minden hospital resurrected "Emergency Management of Hypother-

mia" and Meena is alive and well.

In all this there are and were many that were and are not as yet mentioned. We apologize. May the New Year come showering on all of you (Chris Dobbin, Frank Goard, Curtis Reid) blessings of angels and the Great Spirit.

Thank you Mr. Neil Graham for telling us this part of the untold story.

**Sneh Chakraborty**

## Revelations on cat problem

To the Editor,

No domestic animal should be abandoned to fend for itself. Why do some people feel they can treat cats as disposable? Whether they are feral or abandoned domestic cats, they are all homeless. Society and local governments are overdue to take responsibility to do something about this situation. Keith Stata in Kinmount and many other volunteers have been using their own money to help homeless cats. These volunteers deserve the support of local township governments to assist them in dealing with the issue.

We are extremely grateful that Highlands East has a program with a budget for the spay/neuter of homeless cats and a shelter for them. There is nothing like

this in other townships of Haliburton County, or in any of the other counties in Ontario where we have spoken to animal rescue volunteers. Without the help of Highlands East township we would not have been able to rescue all of the cats we have helped in recent years.

Our previous councillor, Steve Kauffeldt, has left us with plans for improvements to the shipping container shelter that will greatly reduce the costs of operating it. Steve did wonderful work with regard to the cat's issues and is a true friend to homeless cats.

**Barb Schofield**  
Highlands East Cat Rescue Volunteer

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# A song for Jiggs

Neil Campbell

Special to the Times

The Brown Dog Jiggs is stretched out on his side on the floor, doing his best throw-rug imitation. I lie down beside him. I run a hand along his flanks, feel him inhale, exhale . . .

Once upon a time that would be enough of an intrusion to get him on his feet to go lie somewhere else, but today he is very still. As for me, I feel a song coming on:

*"In the cool, cool of the morning, I have Jiggs right here.*

*In the cool, cool of the morning, he's a dog without a peer.*

*When the daytime's getting a glow on and sunshine fills the air,*

*In the heat of the day, when he's feeling okay, I have Jiggs right here."*

Then we are not alone. I am back in my chair. Feet shuffle. Voices murmur. A towel under Jiggs' head for comfort. Sobbing behind me.

I have something to say. "Jiggs is the best dog in Anson Township. Make that the best dog in the *history* of Anson Township. Maybe even Haliburton County . . ."

Then a voice off to my right: "His heart has stopped beating."

I have Jiggs right here, or so I sang. Not exactly. Not so much anymore. Not at all. For The Brown Dog is dead. I am too sad for tears.

Many of you may know The Brown Dog through my column, Back of Beyond, which ran for 10 years in this newspaper and expired just a few weeks before he did.

A note tells me he had hypothyroidism, megaesophagus, cancer (abdominal mass), moderate to severe mobility issues, and chronic pressure sores on his hips, but those are mere details.



For it was time that took away the best of him and left a dog grown weary with the years. His eyes told me that he was tired of this life.

It was the sores that tipped the scales on Dec. 22, just in time for Christmas. One needle and then another needle and that was the end of that. The end of him.

For that is what death is about, about the end of everything. Once there was a Jiggs and now there isn't, never will be again. Our sorrow is for ourselves.

Jiggs came to live with me on Sapsucker Ridge at the end of September, 2002. Life expectancy for a smooth collie is a dozen years. Jiggs lived to be 12 years, six months and 21 days old.

Long enough to be swatted by a bear, bitten by a snapping turtle, plugged up almost fatally by an ersatz bone, twice manged.

Long enough to tree porcupines, insult geese, flush turkeys, chew moose bones. Long enough to walk the three-

Neil Campbell and his friend the Brown Dog Jiggs.

Jiggs, who featured prominently in Campbell's Times column for a decade, passed away on Dec. 22.

Linda Middleton  
Special to the Times

miles to a nursing home to visit my wife. Four or five times. By himself. Without permission.

I guess he had a pretty good life. Living with an old fellow who hardly ever had to be anywhere in particular, only rarely was he left behind. The hair-matted back seat of my pickup truck is his memorial.

Jiggs taught me lessons, showed me how to live in the moment, showed me how to accept things as they were, lessons that he is teaching me all over again now.

The Brown Dog brought order into a solitary life. A short walk at breakfast, off to the Coltman fields or north on the Hay Road before lunch, another stroll at dusk.

At bedtime, we would go check to see that the road past Sapsucker Ridge was still there. It always was, but now I'm not so sure it always will be. I'm not so sure of anything anymore.

Pictures of Jiggs in his prime. Head thrust out a truck window, barking at the night. Tearing off down some woods road. Stealing a glove and leaving me bare-handed in the woods. Sitting on the stoop, sniffing out the morning news. Eating berries from the canes.

In the wee, small hours of the morning, my bladder wakes me. I lift a foot to step over Jiggs where he ought to be sleeping in the dark, but there is no dog there.

Once I would have awakened to the click of his nails as he crossed the living-room floor, then listened for loud slurps at his water bowl, listened for the crunch of kibble in the night.

Now I hear only the crackle of the wood fire. The rest is silence. For a dozen years, my cabin was full of him. Now there is only me.

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# New food hub gears up to improve access



The Haliburton County Food Centre on Minden's Newcastle Street, is now open. Here, lead cook Marilyn Lesperance and Minden Food Bank manager Joanne Barnes stand in the building's kitchen where a 10-burner stove and stainless steel counters are soon to be installed. The marble-topped island - provided by Chaulk Woodworking - will be used for cooking demonstrations.

Chad Ingram Staff

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Food Centre is now open.

The facility – which houses the Minden Food Bank, a community kitchen and will act as a depot for the county's food banks – is located on Minden's Newcastle Street.

The 5,000-square-foot facility was a joint project between the food bank and the Minden Masonic Hall, to which the centre is attached and involved funding from numerous organizations, including a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a \$150,000 loan from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

HCDC also provided a \$20,000 grant and Minden Hills township gave a one-time grant of \$10,000. There were contributions from numerous businesses and individuals as well.

For now, food bank hours will remain the same, with the bank open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"We're prepared to open when the need

warrants it," said manager Joanne Barnes.

On Monday, volunteers were busy stocking shelves with cans and boxes, and more shelving was on its way.

Upstairs, a 10-burner, two-oven stove, as well as stainless steel countertops were waiting to be installed.

A large, marble-topped island will be used for cooking lessons, lead cook Marilyn Lesperance explained.

The community kitchen will feature culinary education – canning demonstrations, cooking classes – and also has enough space to seat 60 in its dining room.

The building – which has wheelchair access – will feature large storage areas, including a walk-in cooler, and out back, there is a detached walk-in freezer, where food can be stored for shipment to other food banks in the community.

"That's the purpose of calling it a hub . . . is to be able to help each other," Lesperance said, adding the building contained numerous energy efficiencies, including its furnace and water heating system.

About 100 people attended a recent open house at the new facility.

## Highland Lakes Community Church closes its doors

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Rev. Ron Mahler is proud of the contributions his church made to the community during the past seven and half years.

Mahler decided to close the Highland Lakes Community Church at the end of October.

"It was something we saw coming," Mahler said. "Basically, it boiled down to a lack of funds. We didn't see that we could get through this."

Noting that Minden already has quite a number of traditional churches for a small community, Mahler believes this may be one reason his church failed to pick up the critical mass it required.

"I think too there was an indifference to our presence," Mahler said. "We tried to do church a bit differently."

Highly evangelical, the philosophy was that a church is not a building, it is not walls.

The Highland Lakes Community Church went out into the community to do its work.

Mahler was happy about the work

the church did when it partnered with Samaritan's Purse after Minden suffered a devastating flood in the spring of 2013.

"We went into homes, removed all sorts of appliances, removed mould, prayed with people," Mahler said.

The church also started the Bread for Life diner, a community kitchen food program that operated out of the Minden Hills Community Centre.

"We fed hundreds of people," Mahler said.

An increasingly secular society could also have something to do with the church's closure.

"A lot of people just don't see the need [for religion] or think they're OK, or they're just afraid of it, I don't know," Mahler said.

Still, he said many community members who were not part of the church are lamenting its loss.

"We run into people all the time who are upset we are closing," Mahler said. "It was a labour of love. We are content with what we did accomplish."

Mahler moved to Minden with his family from Stoney Creek, Ont. just more than a decade ago.

"I'm thankful for all those who have been part of the church, part of the leadership group, part of the start-up group," he said. "I don't think I've ever been in a community like Minden."

For now its unclear where Mahler's path will lead.

He has been doing some speaking engagements, filling in at a church near Dorset and working on his third book.



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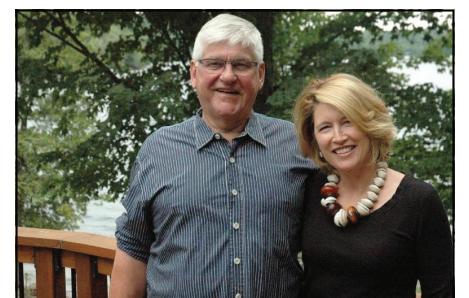


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After seven and half year, Rev. Ron Mahler has closed his Highland Lakes Community Church. The church did considerable outreach work in Minden.

Chad Ingram Staff







**Ringing in the New Year at Hyland Crest**

93-year-old Hyland Crest resident Leola Pacey, left, and her friend Ethel Harris, 93, made some noise to ring in the New Year at the annual Hyland Crest New Year's Party on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Minden long-term care facility dining room. The event included close to 50 residents, family and friends, who were entertained by The Country Stringdusters band. Later in the evening, the Hyland Crest residents participated in New Year's bingo.

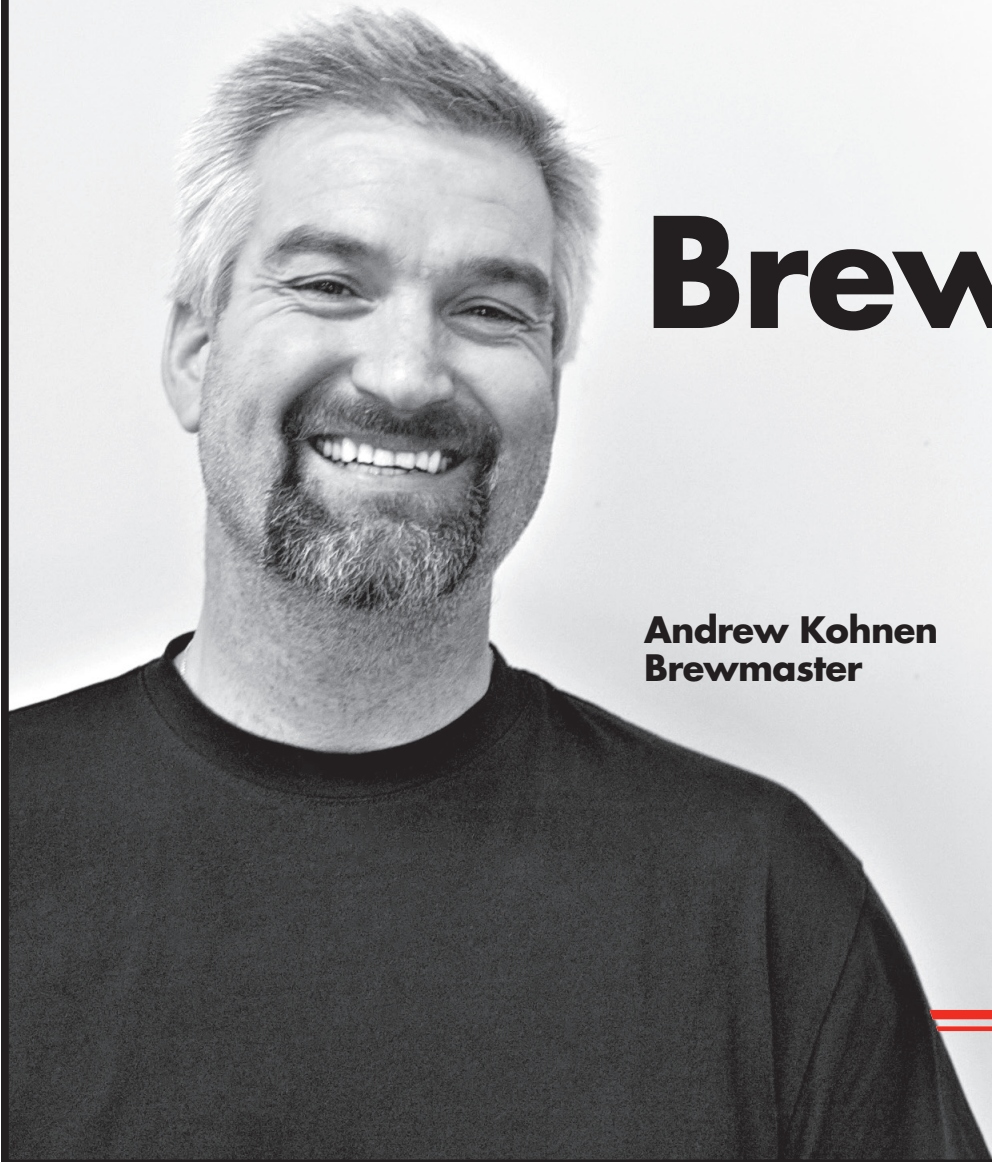
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Hyland Crest resident Peggy Bullock, left, blows a party favour while Rosemarie Seeger reacts at the annual Hyland Crest New Year's Party on Wednesday, Dec. 31.



The Country Stringdusters band performs at the annual Hyland Crest New Year's Party on Wednesday, Dec. 31.



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### Lioness Jamboree in Minden

The jamboree on Sunday brought the Nashville sound to Minden.



Above, Gwen and Ted Robinson perform during the open mike portion of the jamboree hosted by the Minden Lioness Club at the community centre on Jan. 4. Scotty Gartshore and the Dirt Road band were the host musicians. The event raised money for the local food bank and Fuel for Warmth.

Left, members of Scotty Gartshore's Dirt Road Band backed performers at a jamboree at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Sunday, Jan. 4.



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# Learning to live with paralysis

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Wyatt Greer says he wants people to check their homeowners' insurance and ensure they are covered for personal liability.

Greer has been learning to live life as a paraplegic for the past 10 months after he was injured while taking snow off the roof of his house on Davis Lake Road last March.

Greer's young grandchildren were over and he didn't want them to get hurt if the large blanket of snow that had collected on the roof came down.

He decided to take the snow off the roof using a two-by-four. It all came crashing down on him in a giant mass.

"I didn't have time to think about anything," Wyatt says, explaining the avalanche carried him down a drop of 10 or 12 feet. "It just came off. I ended up down on the driveway."

Greer was taken to the Minden hospital, from there to Bracebridge and from there to Toronto.

"They put me on an airplane and took me to Pearson airport," he says.

A land ambulance transported him from the airport to Sunnybrook hospital where Greer underwent surgery.

"I broke my neck," Greer says, explaining his C6 and C7 vertebrae were affected. "I'm paralyzed from the chest down. They told me I'm lucky I can even move my arms."

Greer was in Sunnybrook until April 7 and at the Lyndhurst – a Toronto rehabilitation institution – until July 24.

"They were fantastic people," Greer says. "My wife stayed with me the whole time. Slept in a chair at the foot

of my bed."

While he can move his upper limbs, he has reduced use of his hands.

"The only thing I can do by myself is feed myself," Greer explains, but adds he cannot hold a fork or spoon, instead using a plastic feeding device called a u-cuff. "I can't do anything. I'm confined to this chair."

Previously, Greer, 56, had worked for a local landscaping company, as well as on the farm he continues to own.

Until the farmhouse is outfitted with wheelchair-accessible features, he and wife Debbie are staying in an accessible apartment with friends on Duck Lake Road.

Greer is relying on funding through the March of Dimes for those upgrades, which will cost nearly \$15,000.

He is receiving disability payments through CPP, as well as the Ontario Disability Support Program, and received some provincial help with his automated wheelchair, the price tag for which is approximately \$28,000.

However, Greer received no coverage through his homeowners' insurance since he says he was unaware he did not have personal liability insurance.

If the accident had happened to a third party, that person would have been covered, since he did have third-party coverage.

"I want everybody to know to check their homeowners' insurance," he says.

Looking back, Greer says it may have been a better idea to go up on the roof, securing himself with a rope, to get the snow off.

Still, he's glad his grandchildren weren't injured.

"Like I tell everybody, better me than them," he says. "If that had have come off on them, it would have killed them."



Chad Ingram Staff

Wyatt Greer was paralyzed from the chest down after snow fell on him while he was clearing it from his roof last winter. The mass broke his neck.

## HCPL's Book of the Month



### Suspended Sentences: Three Novellas by Patrick Modiano

Readers in North America can now get a taste of the writer who critics are calling the "Marcel Proust of our time." *Suspended Sentences* by Patrick Modiano and translated by Mark Polizzotti is a collection of three novellas, each surrounding a mystery: two taking place in Paris, and another in the suburbs each layered upon one another. Polizzotti remarks in his introduction to the book that Modiano's Paris has an atmosphere like that of "Edith Piaf's smokey laments." However do not mistake this for a romantic rendering of the famous city; *New Republic's* Adam Kirsch says "the stories that play out against this urban backdrop are unsettling, full of shadowy menace and secrets." The three novellas, *Afterimage*, the titular *Suspended Sentences*, and *Flowers of Ruin* were originally published between 1988 and 1993. Patrick Modiano was the recipient of the 2014 Nobel Prize for Literature.

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# Mackeigan ready to take on the world

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

It's been several months and Minden's Owen Mackeigan is still excited to be on the Shintani Canadian National Team.

When asked how he felt about the making the team, the 16-year-old Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student appreciates that he achieved a goal he set out to meet.

"What I've been training for has actually paid off. There was a goal and I achieved the goal compared to not achieving the goal," he said.

Back in the summer, Mackeigan earned a spot with the 11-member team that includes people from Alberta, Saskatchewan and all over Ontario through a tryout.

Although the amicable teen is an alternate with the team in sparring (Kumite) that hasn't diminished feelings of achievement and responsibility.

"You still have to work as hard and do all the same things and go to the same workouts and everything [as main team members]," he said.

The primary difference is the funding, which, depending on the event, is partially provided for competitions since he is an alternate. (When he enters as a main team competitor all expenses are covered.)

Mackeigan is thriving on the pressure that comes with being a national team member.

"It's an extra motivation because when I'm in the ring and I'm fighting somebody there is no way I can lose because I'm going to make the team look bad. Whereas before it was just me if I lose, 'OK, I suck,'" he said.

Being part of the team has given him an opportunity to improve with better training, particularly when he meets with the team, who get together every few months for up to three days at a time.

This training gives him more than a physical benefit, as his confidence has grown.

Throughout the past several months, he has been responsible for training on his own and regularly sends in fitness results to show he is improving. The team keeps in regular contact online.

His own preparation for competitions is providing an advantage to his karate students, whom he teaches twice a week at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

"If I can do it, I can teach other people how to do it," he said.

Mackeigan is one of a handful of team members who are 20 and under led by captain Nicolas Gosselin of Hearst, Ont. The team's next training camp is in Alberta from Jan. 9 to 11.

The young man that started with karate at six years old has a simple explanation for why he is good at sparring.

"I hit other people more than they hit me," he said.

He competes in the junior (16 to 17 year old) middleweight category.

When he turns 18 he will compete in the men's category.

Mackeigan revealed a little more about the psychology of the one-on-one combat.

"If I'm scared of my opponent he's just as scared of me. He's human so he's feeling just as much fear as I am. That kind of dulls it down [for me]," he said.

Minden Wado Kai recent results

Mackeigan's students showcased their skills at the Oshawa Wado Kai Karate Tournament where there was five medals won.

Students Devon Cliff, 12, earned gold in kata and sparring while his sister Lexi, 9, captured silver medals in kata and sparring. Twelve-year-old Autumn Adams finished second in sparring.



Minden teen and karate competitor Owen MacKeigan, holds a kata movement.  
Darren Lum Staff

## Get healthy at Dorset recreational centre

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Dorset pickle ball resumed at the recreation centre on Friday, Jan. 2. Pickle ball takes place on Mondays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Beginners are welcome and equipment is provided. The cost is \$2.50 per person or it's free with a rec centre membership. Call Judy at 705-766-0288 for more information.

Join health coach Sam Allard for a fun and informative class on healthy cooking with whole foods at the Dorset recreation centre on Monday, Jan. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants will create a healthy appetizer, a main dish and a dessert. On the menu are kale chips, risotto, and coconut chocolate fudge and participants will have risotto to take home. The cost is \$15 per person and all materials are supplied. Space is limited and registration is required by Jan. 9. To register or to find out more, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails Department is hosting a series of six guided snowshoe adventure hikes. The first hike will be on Saturday January 17 and the theme is "A Story of Snowshoes" being led by Craig Macdonald. Hear the

stories behind a remarkable collection of historic snowshoes and some amazing snowshoe treks. Then head out on the trails to give them a try! The time is 10 a.m. to 12 noon, meeting at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, 3987 Hwy 60 in Oxtongue Lake. Registration is required by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968. More information can also be found at www.skithefrost.ca The cost is \$20 per person. Snowshoe rentals are available.

The second snowshoe adventure hike takes place on Friday Jan. 23 and is titled "Timberrrrrr!" Head out with forestry professional Ernie Demuth to explore how our forests are harvested and managed in a sustainable way. The time for this hike is from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office at the Frost Centre, 20130 Hwy 35, 12 km south of Dorset. As above, advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person. Watch the news for information on the next hikes in the series.

I want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and many blessings, health and happiness in the New Year! Have a safe and happy holiday.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 21 to 27 go out to Karen Knutt and Rebecca Arbuckle. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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# Minden branch renamed to honour Brannigan



## Legion br. 636

Happy New Year from Minden Legion to all our members and patrons. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 17 when Highlands Trio will be entertaining from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be pub-style food available and the ever-popular open mike sessions. Plan to come early, as the Trio has a good following and their music is great! There's no cover charge, just a donation for the band at the door.

Good news for euchre players. You can ignore the earlier announcement that there would be no Thursday euchre in January and February. Thanks to volunteers Tom Gris and Betty Wager, who came forward to organize the games during those months, there will be Euchre on Thursday nights starting at 7:30. For more news and pictures of the events and activities at the Minden Legion, pick up a copy of the branch newsletter, *The Blue Beret*, now available at the clubroom. If you would like to receive a copy by email, please leave your name and email address at the bar, attention public relations officer.

On Jan. 1 there was an excellent crowd of about 55 people at the President's Levee, and special guests included Reeve Brent Devolin and Deputy Reeve Cheryl

Murdoch. There was an unveiling of the new name of the Branch: Mabel D Brannigan Branch. Those who were here when Minden Legion was first organized back in 1987, will appreciate all the hard work that Mabel did so that we now have one of the most beautiful Legions in the area.

As part of the Honours and Awards presentation, those who had achieved significant milestones in their membership with the Royal Canadian Legion received a new lapel pin. It was quite an honour to greet Mike Legge who has been with the Legion for 40 years. Several members had 25 years' service: Jim Bradbury, May Bradbury, Dave Camelon, Elizabeth Galli, John Galli and Rick Ratcliff. Mike Pillar and Dennis Dunn 15 years. President Judy Flieger was even presented with her own 10-year pin! A ribbon with bar was presented to members of the previous executive for their work during the 2013-2014 term: Georgina Parkes, Al Mayo and Jan Briggs-McGowan. Thanks to our generous members there was a good feast in the Sports Room for all to enjoy, served up by volunteers Helen Ford and May Bradbury.

The names of all our members who renewed their memberships during the Early Bird campaign were placed in a draw and the lucky winner was drawn at the Levee. James Donaldson will be receiving his 2016 membership for

free. Time is running out for those who have yet to renew for 2015. You must have paid your dues by the end of January in order to maintain your membership in good standing.

Our condolence to member Todd Grainger on the recent death of his son. Those who enjoy our Friday night Fish and Chips will likely have met Todd, as he is one of our volunteer bartenders.



Reeve Brent Devolin, President Judy Flieger and Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch attended the President's Levee



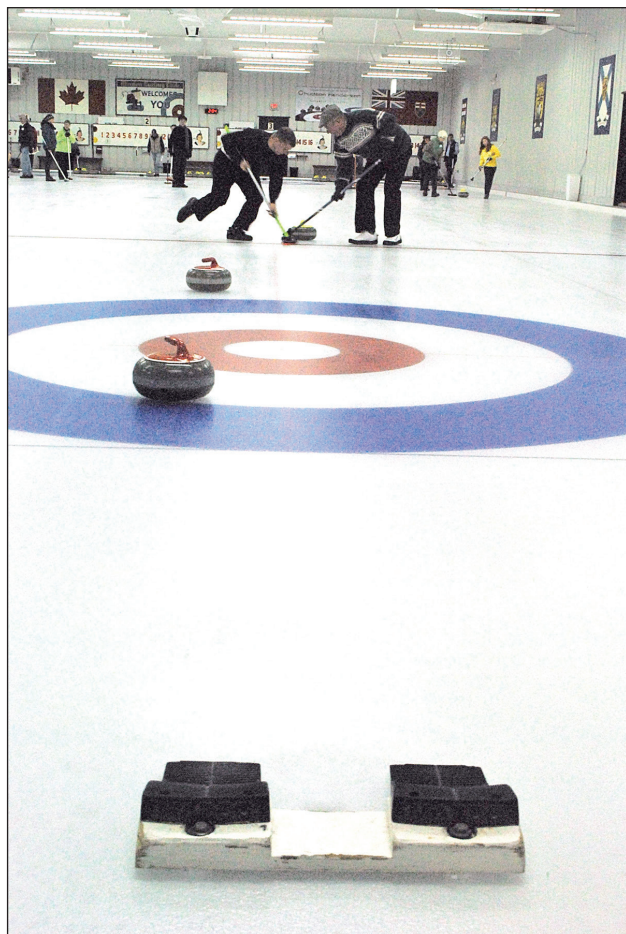
### United Church Bonspiel

Members of the Minden United Church had a fun bonspiel - alternating three-end sets, rather than full games - at the Minden Curling Club on Jan. 4. Many members had never curled before. The event was followed by a dinner.

Photos by Chad Ingram



A skip gets this rock out of the house.



Above, The name of the game was fun as members of the Minden United Church enjoyed an afternoon of curling on Jan. 4.

Left, Sweepers hurry hard to get a rock into the house as members of the Minden United Church took the ice sheets at the Minden Curling Club on Jan. 4.



Bernt Fiebigger DD

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# MINOR HOCKEY

*Updates from the Highland Storm*

## Tough loss for Bantam A

The Bantam A team lost 4-3 against the Huntsville Otters last Friday. It was an exciting game, as the Storm knew that Huntsville would be a challenge. Although Huntsville was dominating the first period, Storm managed a rush, a couple of shots and Patterson-Smith snapped it in, giving Storm a 1-0 lead. Minutes into the second, the Otters tied it up. Cooper managed a sweet wrap around, halfway through the second and the Storm took the lead, which didn't last long. Flood pushed hard, stole the puck and scored, unassisted, but once more the Otters answered back. It was late in the third when the Otters got the go-ahead goal and time ticked away before the Storm could react.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

*Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*

## Tykes game ends in tie

The Tom Prentice and Sons Tyke team had some tough competition this past weekend. Storm worked hard on Friday, Jan. 2, but it wasn't quite enough to pull out a win against the South Muskoka Bears. Storm out shot the Bears, but their goalie stood strong, with a defeat of 5-4.

The next day, Storm took on Muskoka Rock in Minden. This game, again, challenged our team. Storm held their ground, with shot after shot, ending in a 4-4 tie. Great team work by all.

Storm's next face off will be Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. in Bracebridge. It's sure to be a nail biter!

*Submitted by Andrea Prentice*

## Atom A takes on Shamrocks

### Game 1

The RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm was raging from the opening face-off. In the first, defenceman Mills stepped up to a loose puck squirting out of the crease, and hammered it home for the 1-0 lead. Things calmed down in the second, but the Storm didn't let up, with some solid forechecking from Winder, Phippen and Boom Boom. Then a shot from the Parry Sound point was handled by Storm goalie Maddock, but the Shamrocks jumped on the rebound, 1-1. Late in the second, Glecoff took the puck coast to coast and let a shot go in the crease, nice save, but as Boom Boom and Phippen swung at the rebound, the puck found the back of the net to take the lead 2-1. Despite the Shamrocks pulling the golie late in the third, the Storm hung on to their thin lead, for the win.

### Game 2

After a lunch time layover, Parry Sound wanted revenge, after their first loss to the Storm this year. But the Storm took the lead at 27 seconds into the 1st, with a goal from Phippen and Vargas. Glecoff, with one of his end to end rushes, crashed the net and took a goaltender interference penalty, which led to a Shamrock power play goal, 1-1. In the 2nd, Winder walked out from the corner behind the Parry Sound net, evaded the goalie's poke, and scored to take the lead 2-1. In the 3rd, the Storm dominated the game with aggressive forechecking from the entire roster, suffocating the Shamrocks. Maddock came up big to protect the lead with some Sportcentre highlights reel saves. Winder added another with a precision shot from below the goal line that rebounded off the back of the goalie. The Storm takes this one 3-1, winning both games of the double header and sends a message to the team that we will most probably meet in the first round of the playoffs.

*Submitted by Jason Glecoff*

## Peewee A team wins tournament

On Dec. 29, the Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A team headed to Lakefield to compete in the Marshall Memorial Peewee Tournament. The first game was against the Ennismore Eagles. This game was interesting as it may prove to be a playoff match-up down the road. Less than three minutes into the first period, Highland Storm's Zach Morissette scored, assisted by Joe Boice. The boys all fought hard to preserve the one goal lead, but with three minutes left in the third period, Ennismore managed to tie the game, resulting in a 1-1 final. In the second game, Highland Storm met the Baltimore Ice Dogs. Morissette scored in the first period and Boice in the second, both assisted by Nigel Smith. Ryan Hall scored in the third period, assisted by Boice, and the team finished the game with a 3-0 shutout.

Highland Storm advanced to the championship game versus the Woodville Hurricanes. In a very evenly matched game, Highland Storm's Tyson Clements, assisted by Isaac Little, scored 11 seconds into the first period ... and that was to be the only goal scored in the game! Congratulations to goalie, Ethan Glecoff, who allowed only one goal against Highland Storm in the tournament.

Congratulations to the entire Highland Storm Peewee A Team for working hard and playing three solid games of hockey to come away with the championship! Well done team!

*Submitted by Cheryl Patterson*

## Novices play well in Tweed

The Canadian Tire Novices had a great holiday season and hope that all of their fans did as well. They had some time off but also played some great games over the last couple of weeks.

On Dec. 19 they travelled to Wilberforce to face the Bancroft Jets. With a few wins against this team under their belts they knew what they were in for. The skated hard, played as a team and came out on top once again with a 8-0 win.

On Dec. 27 they faced Oro Thunder a team that is undefeated. They played hard but the game ended in a 6-0 loss for Highland Storm.

On Jan. 2 the Canadian Tire Novices travelled to Tweed to participate in a one-day tournament. They had a fantastic day and played as a team. The first game had them facing the Port Hope Phantoms. Highland Storm started the game off with the first goal and battled hard the entire game. They squeaked by with a 4-3 win. The second game of the day had Highland Storm playing a team from Quebec the Seigneurs de Soulange. Highland Storm walked away with a 17-0 win, putting them in the A finals against the Center Hastings Grizzlies. This game provided to be Storm's toughest game of the day. They gave it their best but ended up coming short in the end. The final score of the final game was 4-2 for Center Hastings. In all it was a great day and the team played well.

The Canadian Tire Novices then played the Huntsville Otters on Jan. 3, where they took their fifth loss of regular season.

Come cheer on the Highland Storm Novices at their final regular season game in Minden on Jan. 10 at 1:30 p.m. when they face the South Muskoka Bears.

*Submitted by Tracey Gilbert*

## Girls beat out Kats

The Minden Car Quest midget B girls travelled to Peterborough on Saturday night for their first game after the school winter break. The Storm showed some rust as they took to the ice to challenge the Ice Kats for first place bragging rights.

After a scoreless first period, Alicia McLean opened the scoring in the second period with a goal mouth forehand-

backhand deke to fool the Ice Kat tender. Erin Little put the Storm up 2-0 with a beauty top shelf wrister finishing off a neutral zone rush. The Ice Kats tried to claw their way back late in the second where they slapped in a goal mouth scramble 2 -1 marker.

The Storm continued to step up their level of play in the third period and shut down the Peterborough offensive attack as well as adding three more unanswered goals to solidify the 5-1 first place win. Kennal Marsden scored on the power play with a wrister from the point, Alicia McLean added her second of the game and Kelsey Maracle rounded out the scoring finishing off a late period rush with a snap shot going high glove side.

Great team effort girls, battling through weather, bumps, bruises and ouchies. Next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. in Haliburton.

The Lindsay Lynx are in town at the A.J. LaRue arena. The Storm will use the game to help them gear up for the Orillia Hawks Tournament this weekend - Jan. 9 to 11. Good luck girls!

*Submitted by Dan Marsden*

## Notices



### PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: DAVIES

Lot 28, Concession 5, Maple Lake  
Geographic Township of Stanhope

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, Maple Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, Maple Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

**FIRSTLY:** THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 5 described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9701.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 15th day of January, 2015 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

**Dated:** January 7, 2015

### Dawn Newhook

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# Wishing for world peace in the new year



The Minden Church Mouse heard this actual Church bulletin blooper ...

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones. Yikes...!

The Minden Church Mouse also heard Rev. Ron say ... What are the chances we'll experience "world" peace in 2015? Well, I wouldn't hold my breath on this front – and neither should you. To be sure, there have been some very good and valiant attempts made by many well-intentioned individuals, to make our planet a better place to live on. However, all our machinations to attain such an exalted goal (world peace) will ultimately fall way short of their potential, without the power and message of our world's Redeemer (Jesus Christ) at its core. If you're wondering why the church should still exist today, there's your answer!

This is why an image of Jesus on the cover of *Life* magazine's currently reissued 100 People Who Changed the World, seems out of place if you ask me. Considering the Bible's claim that the earth was created with the pre-incarnate Son of God's involvement, Christ should never be lumped in with other "world changers" that include the likes of Einstein and Ghandi, not to mention – Oprah Winfrey. (Mere mortals – every one of them!) The Bible teaches that Christ is not just one of many world changers,

but that He's the world's Creator, Saviour, and Ruler, as well as its Ultimate Changer! The Christian Scriptures are clear in that God – through His Son, Jesus Christ – is not only ruling the world, but effectively changing it through Him (Christ) as well.

Unfortunately, we live in religiously pessimistic times. The world is largely no longer considering the Church for real answers to what ails the human condition. That world, of course, includes the region where many of us call home: Minden Hills. I know too many families in Minden to believe that the good people of this amazing town are topped-up with peace, and are just hunky-dory thank you very much. If you're waiting for more hope and peace in your life, I'm here to tell you that you're a part of a very lengthy human line-up. Have you ever wondered what a colossal waste of precious human time it is to search for an enduring peace and a long-lasting hope under every shallow promise our world governments and leaders issue us?

Imagine the spiritual transformation in every aspect of our communities, families, and society as a whole, that could come about as a result of revived and reinvigorated people of faith (beginning in the Christian Church) prayerfully reaching out with new urgency, to the hopeless and directionless around them?

Imagine all manners of people streaming to Churches once again in search of finding temporal and eternal peace, hope, and purpose for their lives? This could happen in 2015; hopefully it will be the New Year's "resolution" of many a Mindenite, and a reality for the churches of Minden this year.

We may not realize "world" peace in 2015, but we can experience peace with God while we're living in this world – through faith in Christ, no matter who we are, what we've done in life, or where we live. May your New

Year be peace-filled throughout 2015!

Submitted by Rev. Ron Mahler (interim servant, Lakes of Bays Mission Church, Dwight, Ont.) *Note: parts of this article are excerpts of Ron Mahler's book: The Necessary Christian, Word Alive Press., 2013)*

## Upcoming Church Community events

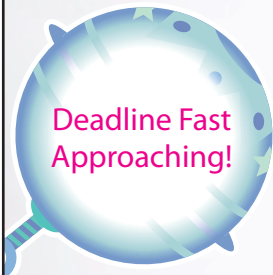
- \* Tuesday, Jan. 13 7:30 p.m. – Enviro-Café Environment Haliburton Discussion Group- Topic "Blue Dot Campaign" (Minden United Church)
- \* Sunday, Jan. 18 11 a.m. – Kids' Time –Begins six week program for children ages four to 12 of Crafts, Bible Stories, Activities and Light Snacks – All Welcome! (Minden United Church)
- \* Sunday, Jan. 25 11 a.m. – Sunday Service with "The Joyful Noisemakers" – Soup and Sandwich Lunch Follows (Minden United Church)

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# Downtown Toronto Christmas an eye-opener

**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse after a busy holiday season order is gradually being restored. The central Toronto Christmas stay at David and Rita's new apartment was an eye-opening experience. Arriving in downtown traffic at lunch hour on a Christmas Eve filled with last minute shoppers we soon realized new Mayor John Tory's priority of dealing with cars illegally parked along busy streets to make deliveries or in this case waiting for shoppers. It was chaos. The intersection of Avenue Road and Bloor Street so familiar for all those university years had been transformed but fortunately three familiar landmarks remained and six green lights later a right hand turn was finally completed. On Christmas Day while we were enjoying a traditional turkey dinner just two blocks south Sotto Sotto and Spuntini Ristorante, two Toronto landmark restaurants favourites of so many celebrities and political leaders, were engulfed in flames. That close yet we were unaware of this event until the Boxing Day morning TV news. Once again there were wonderful gifts the best being those so thoughtfully created and personal. I survived another round with board game fanatic grandson Ben, amazed at the documentation about my family Emma had drawn from ancestry.com and joined lustily in

singing favourite Connemara Camp songs compiled into booklet form by Megan until Rita reminded that this was a triplex and even though they owned the building still subject to noise level control.

Please note that as in prior years the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will remain closed for the month of January for upgrades including the refreshing and expansion of display areas. It will reopen to welcome visitors on Friday, Feb. 6 and continue on its extended weekend schedule of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the Victoria Day weekend. Members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild who volunteer their time to operate this community project appreciate the support of area residents and seasonal visitors over the past 15 years.

There are so any ongoing activities offered in Kinmount for area residents. Now that post holiday schedules resume adults can enjoy Tai Chi, yoga, cards, bingo and much more. For the preschoolers the Ontario Early Years Resource Van arrives on the third Monday of each month at the Community Centre with enrichment programming from 10 a.m. to noon. The Sparks, Brownies and Guides group meet on Monday evenings at the Community Centre from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the Kinmount Library provides a variety of family services on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Friends of the Library book sale comes up on the third Saturday of each month and donations for this fundraising effort in support of the Kinmount branch always

welcomed. A special receptacle is located to receive good used books both paperback and hard cover but no magazines or texts please. For more details visit kinmount.ca. and for the news from the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount check postings on its new Facebook page.

Appreciation is extended to Patrick Healey and his associates for the purchase and removal of the derelict building on County Road 121 at the entrance to our picturesque town. It was so out of keeping with the efforts to create a welcoming atmosphere with beautiful flowers and seasonal decorations.

From our family to you and yours every best wish for a 2015 blessed with health, happiness and adventure. Until next week....

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## County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

December 19 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Again playing Howell Ross Davies and Muriel McIntosh tied with Ev Morgan and Reet Murray for first place at 60 percent followed by Ross Fletcher teamed with Joan Davies 59 percent.

December 19 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: From Shirley Howe the news that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Judy Reddy for lone hands, Nick Bokestyn for low hands and Arthur Forbes for the special prize.

December 20 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For the ladies Theresa Deak led at 295 followed by Karin Harrison 243, Jean Randell 220 and Vi Howell 211. First for the gents at 284 was Karen Chapman then John Deak 240, Marcel Roussel 220 and Dwaine Lloyd 209. The major special prize winner was Vi Howell with Pat Scadden, Dwaine Lloyd and Archie Ross claiming the smaller prizes. Dwaine also took a moonshot along with Pat Roussel and Archie Ross. Thanks to our interim reporter Bev Johnson for this news.

December 22 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Sam Gaudet led at 272 with Howard Smith 258 next and our reporter Rose Isaacson 233 third. Carol Murphy won the draw with Tom Grix taking the single moonshot [thank you Carol and Tom].

December 22 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Elaine Smith, for lone hands Murray Daniels, for low hands Pearl Cowen and for the special prize Bev Johnson. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this report.

December 23 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Bev Johnson 297, Theresa Deak 287, Shirley Milne 234 and our reporter Betty Wagar 210. First for the gents at 337 was Marcel Roussel followed by Ida Young 307, Karen Chapman 236 and Bob Pollard 230. Jesse Barlow won the major draw prize with Pearl Cowen, Dwaine Lloyd and Theresa Deak claiming the smaller ones and moonshots landing on Marcel Roussel, Marcy Morgan and Vi Howell.

December 27 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Arthur Forbes won for high hands, Lil Mann for lone hands, Cathy Howe for low hands and our reporter Shirley Howe for the special prize.

December 28 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden:

First for the ladies at 270 was Muriel McIntosh then our interim reporter Bev Johnson 263, Theresa Deak 252 and Pat Roussel 233. Top marks for the gents went to Marcel Roussel 268, Jason Peacock 258, Howard Smith 245 and Jesse Barlow 227. Karen Chapman won the major special prize with Jim Corbett, Karin Harrison and Marcel Roussel claiming the smaller rewards. Karen Chapman also had a moonshot along with Bev Johnson and Pat Roussel [2].

December 29 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Winning for the White Team were Frank Franzen 275, Gala Newell 262 and Vic Ballik 222 while for the Blue Team Carol Murphy led at 271 followed by Jesse Barlow 248 and Jim Corbett 235 with Rae Dawn Shephard claiming the draw prize.

December 30 contract bridge at Club 35: Our reporter Muriel McIntosh topped the charts at 5,040 then Alek Zworski 4,960, Kathie Porter 4,090 and Sandy McKay 3,960. Ross Fletcher received the Lucky Loonie and teamed up with Alek Zworski for a Small Slam.

January 2 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell the leaders were Ross Davies and our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh 67 percent, Jack and Willie Cox 61 percent, Irena and Alek Zworski 55 percent and Mary Johnson partnered with Joan Davies 53 percent.

January 5 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Sue Grant and Lyn Preston with Mabel Deacon and our reporter Tim Sharpe posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lorna Hicks while Pearl Cowen won the special prize.

January 5 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that Frank Franzen and Mike St. Thomas tied for first place at 269 with Pauline Franzen next at 253. Tom Grix won the draw [thank you Tom] with Frank Franzen claiming three moonshots while Rae Dawn Shephard and Tom Grix took singles.

January 5 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Joan Riel, for lone hands Shirley Howe, for low hands Elaine Smith and for the special prize Lil Mann. Thanks to our reporter Sherin Brown for this update.



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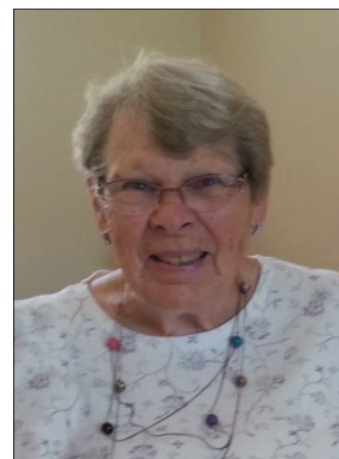
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## 650 OBITUARIES

### Gemmell, Wilma Alice



Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Monday, December 22, 2014 at the age of 88. Beloved wife of the late Norman Gemmell (2004) for 56 years. Loving mother of Beverly (Ken), Brian (Sabrena) and Debbie (Steve). Grandmother of Derek, Tara, Shawn and Jason. Great Grandmother of Vincent, Richard, Gavin and Analyn. Dearest friends Ray, Daisy, Cheryl, Tess and Peter Overington. Cousin of Ernest Smith of England and Joan Jackson (Learmont) of Australia. Wilma will be sadly missed by her many relatives and friends.

In keeping with Wilma's wishes cremation has taken place. There will be a Celebration of Life service at a later date. If desired, in memoriam donations to the Minden Legion Branch #636 or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged by Parker Funeral Home, 705-324-1988. Online condolences may be made at [www.parkerfuneralhome.ca](http://www.parkerfuneralhome.ca)

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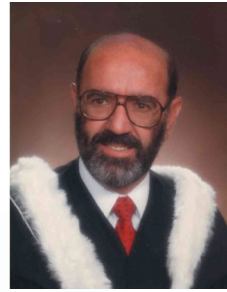
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to celebrate Verna's life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Interment will take place in the spring at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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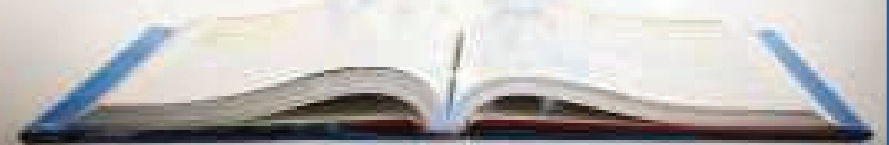


*In Loving Memory*

### Richard Parisotto

It is with great sadness that the family of Richard Parisotto announces his sudden passing on the evening of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in his 71<sup>st</sup> year. Beloved husband of the late Isabel Anderson (2011), devoted father of Douglas Ray (Linda), Ruth Nystrom (Glen), and Patricia Mullen (Patrick). Proud Grandpa to Shawna, Debbie (Carlin), Dereck, Carolyn, Kyra, Caleigh, and Declan. Dear brother to Nick Parisotto (Bronca), Frank Parisotto (Gaye) and Mary Ann Quail (Michael) and brother-in-law of Norma Logie (Jack), John Anderson (Helen) and Dennis Walton (Joyce). Loved Uncle / Zio to Stacey, Todd, Sabrina, and Jonathan. Richard was born in Sudbury, Ontario the son of Valentino Parisotto and Lena Scinto. He enjoyed a long career in municipal administration, beginning right after highschool in Sudbury, moving to Hornepayne, then Minden, and culminating in Ajax where he retired as Chief Administrative Officer in 2004. Richard loved history, and went back to school as a mature student, obtaining a degree in History from the University of Toronto. He continued this passion by reading many historical toms and meticulously organized his books, photos and files. A travel aficionado throughout his life, he enjoyed taking cruises and more extensive trips after retirement. Family was central in Richard's life. He kept in touch with cousins near and far, and over several generations. He remembered birthdays and anniversaries – and always made us feel special. He created the first Parisotto family tree, to which we are continuously adding. But we will mostly miss Richard's unique sense of humour and sharp wit. He was quick with a comeback and a humorous twist to almost any situation. His broad grin and genuine laugh will be missed so much. The earth is a little bit dimmer, and heaven a little bit brighter with his passing.

A memorial service will be held at a future date to be advised.







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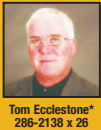
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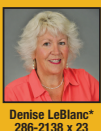
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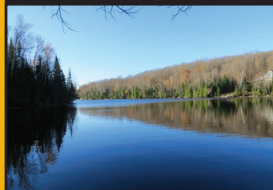
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